

Notes: Shabbat – May 14, 2022

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Introduction: Foundational Blocks to Messianic Judaism – The Moadim Part 2

### A Response to Objections by Those Who Do Not Embrace and Thus Understand Messianic Judaism

This lengthy subtitle is intended to convey the intent of where we are going from here. Where we are going is intended to establish a set of foundational blocks set alongside the cornerstone that rest upon the foundation of what you believe and thus will be able to transmit.

A significant foundational block for us as believers and infused within Messianic Judaism are the moadim, the appointed times of Adonai, what we call the Feasts of Israel. We read in Leviticus 23 Adonai instructing Moshe to tell the people of Israel...

**Lev 23:1** Adonai said to Moshe,

**Lev 23:2** "Tell the people of Isra'el: 'The designated times of Adonai which you are to proclaim as holy convocations are my designated times.

Notice that these are His appointed times, yet Adonai gives them specifically to Israel.

Why?

Ultimately because they are infused into the very fabric of the nation itself and that of the people.

Last Shabbat I had shared with you the impactful presence of...

- Shabbat
- The Passover Season that included Matzah and Ha Bikkurim

I shared not just the establishment of these appointed times, given to Israel but the relevance of these times in relation to Yeshua. I have shared this before and will share it once more. If these appointed times were merely what they were intended for then there is no meaning for anyone outside the nation of Israel, who would include those of descent from Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov and those who have chosen to reside with them, the ger, the foreigner for which Adona made provision.

If these times were just about that, then they would have little meaning to the world just as July 4<sup>th</sup> has little

meaning to the rest of the world yet is an impactful date for American.

It is because Adonai had established the moadim, not just as memorials, but also as a path He would take through Yeshua in not only redeeming His people, but redeeming the entire world, all of creation...

[Joh 3:16](#) "For God so loved the world that he gave his only and unique Son, so that everyone who trusts in him may have eternal life, instead of being utterly destroyed.

[Joh 3:17](#) For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but rather so that through him, the world might be saved.

And...

[Rom 1:16](#) For I am not ashamed of the Good News, since it is God's powerful means of bringing salvation to everyone who keeps on trusting, to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile.

[Rom 1:17](#) For in it is revealed how God makes people righteous in his sight; and from beginning to end it is through trust—as the Tanakh puts it, "But the person who is righteous will live his life by trust."

Last week I had shared with you that Shabbat was a day set apart and given to Israel as a sign of the Covenant Adonai made with them at Sinai.

Last week I had shared with you that the Passover Season was a memorial for when Adonai delivered a people who would become a nation from the bondage of slavery and how Yeshua delivered us from the bondage of another type of slavery, transgression

Last week I shared with you that Shavu'ot was a memorial, remembering the time when Adonai revealed and gave Torah to the nation He redeemed from slavery and when He would initially pour out His Ruach upon the people, Jew first and also the nations, empowering them with the Torah written upon their hearts as a sign of the New Covenant established through Yeshua's blood, being the mediator.

[Jer 31:30](#) "Here, the days are coming," says Adonai, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah.

[Jer 31:31](#) It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Adonai.

[Jer 31:32](#) "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

[Luk 22:20](#) He did the same with the cup after the meal, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant, ratified by my blood, which is being poured out for you.

The cup after the meal, we know to be the third cup, "The Cup Of Redemption" we know from our Passover Seder and thus a representation, another symbol of the Covenant.

We witness Yeshua leave prior to Shavu'ot when He ascends to heaven, yet leaves His talmidim with a final instruction prior to His departure from the earth...

[Act 1:6](#) When they were together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore self-rule to Isra'el?"

[Act 1:7](#) He answered, "You don't need to know the dates or the times; the Father has kept these under his own authority.

[Act 1:8](#) But you will receive power when the Ruach HaKodesh comes upon you; you will be my witnesses both in Yerushalayim and in all Y'hudah and Shomron, indeed to the ends of the earth!"

**Act 1:9** After saying this, he was taken up before their eyes; and a cloud hid him from their sight.

**Act 1:10** As they were staring into the sky after him, suddenly they saw two men dressed in white standing next to them.

**Act 1:11** The men said, "You Galileans! Why are you standing, staring into space? This Yeshua, who has been taken away from you into heaven, will come back to you in just the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

For the men standing there making this statement reveal another mystery for which Yeshua had revealed prior to His ascension and prior to His death, burial and resurrection, that of His return. His talmidim did not truly grasp what He was saying then, at the time, in that moment when Yeshua shared this with them on the Mount of Olives when He was asked by them...

**Mat 24:3** When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the talmidim came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that you are coming, and that the `olam hazeh is ending?"

Yeshua went into a lengthy response, speaking in imagery and using allusion to answer their questions. This imagery and allusion were intention because His words painted a picture that would capture the essence of His return and ultimately an aspect of when He would return. We would know the actual date and time, yet we would know the date as it pertains to a specific season.

**Mat 24:29** "But immediately following the trouble of those times, **the sun will grow dark, the moon will stop shining**, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in heaven will be shaken.

**Mat 24:30** "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, all the tribes of the Land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with tremendous power and glory.

**Mat 24:31** **He will send out his angels with a great shofar**; and they will gather together his chosen people from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

From that which He left, ascended, He would return the very same way was conveyed to Yeshua's talmidim. Yet Yeshua provides us with more details pertaining to His return.

The sun will grow dark and the moon will stop shining is an allusion to evening and the new moon. Personally, I believe there is more to this in that the sun won't just stop shining in one place and at one time due to the rotation of the earth in relation to the sun, yet the sun will stop shining completely and throughout the world. There will not even be any stars in the sky. What does this mean but total darkness. Thus making this sign unmistakable to everyone.

Consider these verses...

**Lev 23:23** Adonai said to Moshe,

**Lev 23:24** "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'In the seventh month, the first of the month is to be for you a day of complete rest for remembering, a holy convocation announced with blasts on the shofar.

**Lev 23:25** Do not do any kind of ordinary work, and bring an offering made by fire to Adonai.' "

What is the first day of the month, but Rosh Chodesh, a new moon. The moon is dark and not seen by the naked eye. This moad is known today as Rosh Hashanah, yet is referred to as Yom T'ruah, the day of blasts. Go back to Yeshua's revelation in Matthew 24.

Total darkness will fall upon the world, only to be awakened by a blast of the shofar and the sign of the son of man appearing.

**Joh 8:12** Yeshua spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light which gives life."

**Rev 22:5** Night will no longer exist, so they will need neither the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because Adonai, God, will shine upon them. And they will reign as kings forever and ever.

Yeshua provides us with a remez, a hint revealing a sod, a mystery to us as it pertains to His return yet not setting the specific date as to when He will return, yet making us aware of when to be looking, when to pay attention.

Yet this time, this revelation by Yeshua, captured in the New Covenant writings is foreign to the majority who have come to place their trust in the Jewish Messiah. This aspect is so foreign that you hear of various teachings conveyed over the years that have missed the mark 100% of the time because they are not following the path Yeshua has revealed. They are ignoring Him, thinking whatever revelation is a new revelation from God and it is right there before their eyes. There are other errors that I have shared with you as it pertains to other signs to pay attention to in recognizing what must transpire before Yeshua even returns.

Another thing that is lost as it pertains to His return is who will prompt His return. Ultimately the focus is on the pronouncement of the Gospel to the ends of the earth, which is typically understood as being every ear will hear the Gospel and then Yeshua will return.

**Mat 24:14** And this Good News about the Kingdom will be announced throughout the whole world as a witness to all the Goyim. It is then that the end will come.

This is not the sole factor signaling Yeshua's return, but rather the promise that resides within the New Covenant, built upon the other covenants and their promises as well.

Adonai through Jeremiah conveys that the new Covenant is made with the Jewish people, a divided Kingdom.

**Jer 31:30** "Here, the days are coming," says Adonai, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah.

Yet this New Covenant will be the means by which Adonai will restore the Kingdom He established...

**Jer 31:32** "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

A nation once divided will be a nation united where there will only be one King for which I had shared with you on Tuesday evening when I shared more about the Davidic Covenant. Yeshua is the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant.

In Reuniting the Kingdom, Adonai is gathering them from all over the world and returning them to the land for which He had scattered them due to their lack of faith in Him...

**Deu 30:1** "When the time arrives that all these things have come upon you, both the blessing and the curse which I have presented to you; and you are there among the nations to which Adonai your God has driven you; then, at last, you will start thinking about what has happened to you;

**Deu 30:2** and you will return to Adonai your God and pay attention to what he has said, which will be exactly what I am ordering you to do today—you and your children, with all your heart and all your being.

**Deu 30:3** At that point, Adonai your God will reverse your exile and show you mercy; he will return and gather you from all the peoples to which Adonai your God scattered you.

**Deu 30:4** If one of yours was scattered to the far end of the sky, Adonai your God will gather you even from there; he will go there and get you.

**Deu 30:5** Adonai your God will bring you back into the land your ancestors possessed, and you will possess it; he will make you prosper there, and you will become even more numerous than your ancestors.

**Deu 30:6** Then Adonai your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your children, so that you will love Adonai your God with all your heart and all your being, and thus you will live.

This is what is happening now in that you are witnesses to Adonai fulfilling His promise and regathering His people. This leads us to the final fulfillment of the nations restoration, atonement for their transgression.

We see this happening as we speak yet individually, More Jewish people are coming to Messiah than at any time in the history of the world. Adonai is opening eyes and circumcising hearts yet the nation as a whole has yet to embrace Adonai's promise through Yeshua.

It will be upon Yeshua's return that all Jewish eyes will be opened and the revelation of who Yeshua is will be not only be made known but will be embraced because...

**Zec 12:10** and I will pour out on the house of David and on those living in Yerushalayim a spirit of grace and prayer; and they will look to me, whom they pierced." They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only son; they will be in bitterness on his behalf like the bitterness for a firstborn son.

**Zec 12:11** When that day comes, there will be great mourning in Yerushalayim, mourning like that for Hadad-Rimmon in the Megiddo Valley.

**Zec 12:12** Then the land will mourn, each family by itself—the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Natan by itself, and their wives by themselves;

**Zec 12:13** the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shim'i by itself, and their wives by themselves;

**Zec 12:14** all the remaining families, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.

Upon Yeshua's death the following was proclaimed...

**Joh 19:36** For these things happened in order to fulfill this passage of the Tanakh: "Not one of his bones will be broken."

**Joh 19:37** And again, another passage says, "They will look at him whom they have pierced."

This time will come upon us starting with Yom T'ruah when all Jewish eyes are opened and the realization will hit all who have not yet seen. They will return to Adonai through T'shuvah as the next moad appears...

**Lev 23:26** Adonai said to Moshe,

**Lev 23:27** "The tenth day of this seventh month is Yom-Kippur; you are to have a holy convocation, you are to deny yourselves, and you are to bring an offering made by fire to Adonai.

**Lev 23:28** You are not to do any kind of work on that day, because it is Yom-Kippur, to make atonement for you before Adonai your God.

**Lev 23:29** Anyone who does not deny himself on that day is to be cut off from his people;

**Lev 23:30** and anyone who does any kind of work on that day, I will destroy from among his people.

**Lev 23:31** You are not to do any kind of work; it is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live.

**Lev 23:32** It will be for you a Shabbat of complete rest, and you are to deny yourselves; you are to rest on your Shabbat from evening the ninth day of the month until the following evening."

This is a day that belongs to the Jewish people only in that it is the Day Adonai will bring the New Covenant into

its fullness when

**Jer 31:32** "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Yet if this day is only for the nation of Israel and the Jewish people, why should it be important to the nations.

It is important to the nations to convey and thus amplify Adonai is faithful to His Word, faithful to His promises. If He did not keep His word then why would you believe Him to be faithful to you, the nations.

**Rom 11:19** So you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

**Rom 11:20** True, but so what? They were broken off because of their lack of trust. However, you keep your place only because of your trust. So don't be arrogant; on the contrary, be terrified!

**Rom 11:21** For if God did not spare the natural branches, he certainly won't spare you!

**Rom 11:22** So take a good look at God's kindness and his severity: on the one hand, severity toward those who fell off; but, on the other hand, God's kindness toward you—provided you maintain yourself in that kindness! Otherwise, you too will be cut off!

**Rom 11:23** Moreover, the others, if they do not persist in their lack of trust, will be grafted in; because God is able to graft them back in.

**Rom 11:24** For if you were cut out of what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree!

**Rom 11:25** For, brothers, I want you to understand this truth which God formerly concealed but has now revealed, so that you won't imagine you know more than you actually do. It is that stoniness, to a degree, has come upon Isra'el, until the Gentile world enters in its fullness;

**Rom 11:26** and that it is in this way that all Isra'el will be saved. As the Tanakh says, "Out of Tziyon will come the Redeemer; he will turn away ungodliness from Ya'akov

**Rom 11:27** and this will be my covenant with them, . . . when I take away their sins."

**Rom 11:28** With respect to the Good News they are hated for your sake. But with respect to being chosen they are loved for the Patriarchs' sake,

**Rom 11:29** for God's free gifts and his calling are irrevocable.

So this day, is important to the nations, even though the nations are not direct participants yet should be supporting this day as witnesses to the validity and power of Adonai's promise...

**Rom 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the Good News, since it is God's powerful means of bringing salvation to everyone who keeps on trusting, to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile.

**Rom 1:17** For in it is revealed how God makes people righteous in his sight; and from beginning to end it is through trust—as the Tanakh puts it, "But the person who is righteous will live his life by trust."

And thus the promise to the Jew first...

**Rom 11:15** For if their casting Yeshua aside means reconciliation for the world, what will their accepting him mean? It will be life from the dead!

A restoration, a reunification of the Kingdom brings us to the final Moad...Sukkot...

**Lev 23:33** Adonai said to Moshe,



**Lev 23:34** "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the feast of Sukkot for seven days to Adonai.

**Lev 23:35** On the first day there is to be a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work.

**Lev 23:36** For seven days you are to bring an offering made by fire to Adonai; on the eighth day you are to have a holy convocation and bring an offering made by fire to Adonai ; it is a day of public assembly; do not do any kind of ordinary work.

Sukkot, representing the temporary dwelling the nation would reside in while in the wilderness is a memorial of their wandering and Adonai being with them. Thus Sukkot is an image of not only the Milenial Kingdom but the Kingdom of Adonai in that He will reside with His people, again a promise conveyed through Jeremiah...

**Jer 31:32** "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

The moadim are intricately woven through the New Covenant, established through Yeshua and are foundational blocks for every believer. It is the moadim that typically are the first thing that many Christians become aware of. Yet not everyone sees what I have shared with you today, last Shabbat and throughout the years of this congregation, documented on our web site in sermons and articles, found in our Passover Haggadah. Everything is there for you, and anyone who so chooses to gain greater and deeper understanding.

Remember what Yeshua conveyed...

**Luk 24:44** Yeshua said to them, "This is what I meant when I was still with you and told you that everything written about me in the Torah of Moshe, the Prophets and the Psalms had to be fulfilled."

**Luk 24:45** Then he opened their minds, so that they could understand the Tanakh,

**Luk 24:46** telling them, "Here is what it says: the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day;

**Luk 24:47** and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations, starting with Yerushalayim.

Your minds have been opened. Through the power and assistance of the Ruach Ha Kodesh, may the minds of others be opened too. It is crystal clear to me and I have no doubt about any of this.

The question is do you? If you have doubt, then why would others believe what you have to say. If you have doubt then why would others want to embrace what you are sharing with them.

This isn't just the message, it is about the messenger...You.

**Luk 24:48** You are witnesses of these things.

You weren't there to hear Yeshua speak or witness what transpired so let me close with these words of Yeshua...

**Joh 20:24** Now T'oma (the name means "twin"), one of the Twelve, was not with them when Yeshua came.

**Joh 20:25** When the other talmidim told him, "We have seen the Lord," he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger into the place where the nails were and put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe it."

**Joh 20:26** A week later his talmidim were once more in the room, and this time T'oma was with them. Although the doors were locked, Yeshua came, stood among them and said, "Shalom aleikhem!"

**Joh 20:27** Then he said to T'oma, "Put your finger here, look at my hands, take your hand and put it into my side. Don't be lacking in trust, but have trust!"

**Joh 20:28** T'oma answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

[Joh 20:29](#) Yeshua said to him, "Have you trusted because you have seen me? How blessed are those who do not see, but trust anyway!"

Yeshua spoke of you long before you were born. Now it is time to bring sight to others who do not see what you have seen and embraced.

These times are foundational within Messianic Judaism and should be foundational throughout the body of Messiah, the church.

Let your focus be on one person at a time. A divine moat, appointment established by Adonai. Let the Ruach ha Kodesh be your Aharon to Moshe if you are uncertain of your words.